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SUBJECT: PREPARATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER EXPERTS' MEETING

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1. COM/BEWT OFFICIALS MET ON AUGUST 19 AND AUGUST 20 WITH GOR ECONOMIC COUNSELOR N. FODOR TO DISCUSS PROPOSED SEPTEMBER MEETING OF U.S.-GOR TRADE EXPERTS. MEETING FOCUSED ON (1) DISCUSSION OF COM/BEWT DRAFT AGENDA PRESENTED TO GOR PER PARA. 1 OF REF. (B); AND (2) SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF GOR TEAM OF EXPERTS TO VISIT THE U.S.

2. RE ITEM (1), FODOR INDICATED THAT DRAFT AGENDA ARRIVED ONLY TWO DAYS BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE BUCHAREST AND THAT APPROPRIATE GOR OFFICIALS HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO ANALYZE FULLY AND RESPOND SPECIFICALLY. HOWEVER, HE WAS ABLE TO INDICATE INITIAL REACTION. FODOR STATED THAT GOR FEELS DRAFT AGENDA IS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE SUBJECT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CERTAIN CLARIFICATIONS OF AGENDA ITEMS. APPROXIMATELY

FIVE HOURS THEN SPENT OVER A TWO-DAY PERIOD GOING THROUGH THE DRAFT AGENDA POINT-BY-POINT.

3. FODOR REQUESTED INCLUSION OF TWO NEW ITEMS ON AGENDA:

(A) DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION PREFERABLY AT THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE LEVEL, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD AND (B) AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT.

4. FODOR RAISED MANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING MEANING OF AGENDA LANGUAGE PARTICULARLY RE ISSUES LISTED UNDER ROMANIAN EXPORTS TO U.S. BASICALLY, GOR LOOKING FOR STRONG COMMERCE ROLE IN PROMOTING THEIR EXPORTS. COMMERCE EXPLAINED LIMITATIONS IN THIS REGARD. RE ISSUES ON LISTED U.S. EXPORTS TO ROMANIA, FODOR AGAIN SOUGHT CLARIFICATION RE MEANING OF AGENDA LANGUAGE AND SPECIFICALLY QUESTIONED SUBTOPICS UNDER ITEM ENTITLED "RESTRAINING FACTORS IN THE ROMANIAN MARKET." SEVERAL CHANGES MADE HERE INCLUDING TITLE THIS ITEM FROM ABOVE TO "INFORMATION REQUIRED BY U.S. FIRMS ON DOING BUSINESS WITH ROMANIA." ALSO, UNDER THIS ITEM DELETED "ACCESS TO END USERS" ON RATIONALE THERE ARE NO REAL CONSTRAINTS UNDER GOR REGULATIONS. RE COOPERATION AND JOINT VENTURES BOTH SIDES RECOGNIZED TE ITEMS LISTED IN AGENDA AS BEING IMPORTANT ISSUES AND PROBLEMS. FODOR EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF JOINT VENTURES TO ROMANIA AND THE GOR INTEREST IN FINDING MORE U.S. PARTNERS.

5. NATURE AND FORMAT OF WORKING GROUP DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD SECOND AND THIRD DAYS WERE EXPLORED. COM/BEWT PROPOSED A TRADE (EXPORTS/IMPORTS) WORKING GROUP AND A PROJECTS (COOPERATION AND JOINT VENTURES) WORKING GROUP EACH COMPOSED OF 5 OR 6 MEMBERS FROM BOTH SIDES. FODOR AGREED BUT SUGGESTED A THIRD WORKING GROUP TO HANDLE GENERAL TRADE ISSUES SUCH AS TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR ROMANIANS IN THE U.S. COM/BEWT EXPRESSED CONCERN RE THE SETTING UP OF SUCH A THIRD WORKING GROUP POINTING OUT THAT THE SPECIFIC ISSUES HE LISTED WOULD HAVE TO BE FIRST DISCUSSED AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREED TO WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE U.S.G. AGENCIES AS TO INCLUSION ON AGENDA.

6. RE ITEM (2) PARA.1. FODOR INDICATED THAT GOR DELEGATION WOULD MOST LIKELY BE HEADED BY A DEPUTY MINISTER AND WOULD ALSO INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN MFT AND OTHERS FROM VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES. FODOR INDICATED THAT HE

WOULD INFORM COM/BEWT OF SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF GOR
DELEGATION ASAP. RE VISIT OF DELEGATION MEMBERS TO

U.S. COMPANIES FOLLOWING MEETING FODOR INDICATED THAT HE
WOULD COME TO US FOR HELP IN THIS REGARD IF NEEDED.

7. RE UPCOMING COMMISSION MEETING FODOR EXPRESSED
ROMANIAN DESIRE HAVE AGENDA INCLUDE JOINT INDUSTRY
WORKING GROUPS SUBJECT WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN
PAST.

8. FODOR ALSO INQUIRED ABOUT SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR
PATAN IN OCTOBER, INDICATING THIS WILL BE HIS FIRST
U.S. VISIT AND NOTING HIS DESIRE TO MEET COMPANY OFFICIALS
INTERESTED IN ROMANIAN TRADE. COM/BEWT INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM
WAS BEING DEVELOPED AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY EXPRESSION
OF PATAN'S DESIRES.

9. EMBASSY COMMENTS ON ANY OF ABOVE WOULD BE
APPRECIATED. INGERSOLL

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